



## Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea

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### Pastel Painting Demonstrated by Diana Colgate at Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea

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**BEREA, Ky.** – On Saturday, Sept. 8, Diana Colgate, of Shepherdsville, will demonstrate pastel painting from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

Colgate teaches classes from her studio in Shepherdsville, and will lead a workshop during Berea's Festival of Learnshops in July. While pastels are her primary medium, she also works in watercolors, oils and pencil. Her favorite subjects include portraits, landscapes, doorways and porches.

"I primarily work from real life and photos – simple and ordinary things that slip away so suddenly are the inspiration for my work," Colgate said.

Colgate was introduced to art as a child when an artist, Butler Wilson, came to live with her family. She spent hours watching him paint and found herself fascinated by his talent and creativity.

In high school, Colgate had the opportunity to participate in commercial art classes, and she soon realized that art would be an important part of her professional life. After she completed a degree in interior design, Colgate worked with other designers to customize furniture, floor cloths and murals. She studied fine art privately with artist and teacher Laverne Arkenberg, and realized that painting was her calling.

Works by Colgate are regularly available at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea, located at 200 Artisan Way, just off Interstate 75 at Berea exit 77. The center's exhibits, shopping and travel information areas are open daily, year-round, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and the cafe is open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission is free.

The center currently features works by more than 650 artisans from 100 counties across the Commonwealth. A special exhibit titled, "The Threads that Bind: Textile Works by Kentucky Artisans," will be on display through Feb. 23, 2013. For more information about the center's programming, call 859-985-5448 or visit the center's website [www.kentuckyartisancenter.ky.gov](http://www.kentuckyartisancenter.ky.gov)

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea is an agency in the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.



Photos left to right: Pastel painting by Diana Colgate; Colgate demonstrates at the KY Artisan Center